

Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)
Bible-focused/Christ-centered

Worship Service: 10:00 AM
January 5, 2025



“But when Jesus heard this, He said, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. “But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”” (Matthew 9:12–13)

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Prelude - “Wise Men Seeking Jesus” – Franklin Ritter

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Call to Worship – From Philippians 2:1-11

Leader: Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

People: Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Leader: Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.

People: Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Leader: Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

People: But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Leader: Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: For this reason, also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.

Leader: So that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

People: And that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Hymn #202 (green hymnal) “As with Gladness Men of Old”

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem - "Hear Our Prayers" – Willard Minton

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Nicene Creed (recited in unison)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory – Meditation on "Beecher" – Gerald Peterson

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***Doxology #515 (red hymnal)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #177 (green hymnal) "Good Christian Men Rejoice"**

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Scripture Reading – Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him.

10 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?"

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12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.

13 “But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Musical Response

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text – Luke 5:1-11

1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;

2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat.

4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

5 Simon answered and said, “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets.”

6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break;

7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.”

11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

Gloria Patri #513 (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “Trust, Obey, Follow”

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Communion Prayer - (recited in unison)

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of your son Jesus Christ that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Text – Psalm 3

- 1 O Lord, how my adversaries have increased! Many are rising up against me.
- 2 Many are saying of my soul, "There is no deliverance for him in God." Selah.
- 3 But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head.
- 4 I was crying to the Lord with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah.
- 5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustains me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about.
- 7 Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek; You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be upon Your people!

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn #454 (green hymnal) "Trust and Obey"

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*Benediction

Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

Musical Response

Postlude – "Praise Ascending" – David Paxton

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Children's bulletins are available in the Main Street entry hall, located in the brochure holders attached to the wall on your right as you enter.

The two nursery rooms downstairs are clean, sanitized, and available should you need a place to change a diaper, feed your baby, or simply need a quiet place to take your child during the service. There is an audio speaker in the room so the service can be heard.

Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

Monthly Deacon: Jeff Liskin, Sr.

Fellowship Hosts: Missions Ministry

Last Week's Attendance: 45

Last Week's Offering: \$ 1,251.00 (\$3,300 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

Important Notices:

- **The Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 19, 2025**, immediately following worship. All reports from committees and boards should have been submitted to the office.
- **Adult Sunday School Class—Every Sunday, 9:00-9:45 PM** (in the parlor led by Pastor Dan and open to all)— **Note:** **Study** will resume on 1/12. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew until further notice.
- **Wednesday Bible Study—Every Wednesday, 6:00-7:15 PM** (in the music room led by Pastor Dan and open to all) **Note:** there will be **no study** on 1/8. Will resume on 1/15/25.
- **News from the Diaconate:**



IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE - 25th Anniversary

March 22, 2025, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - Rehoboth Church of God in Bloomfield

16 Different Seminars to attend - \$59.00 per person group rate

We will register and travel together as a group

There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the Fellowship Hall - Payment to SCCW by March 8

See Jeff Liskin, Sr. with questions.

- **Diaper Bank help is needed** –We need pull-ups in sizes **3T-4T** and **4T-5T** as well as packages of wipes that are given to each family receiving diapers. We will look at replenishing that supply in January.

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If you would like to donate to this cause, please leave them in the Diaper Bank box in our Fellowship Hall. We continue to ask for donations of non-perishable foods as well. Please see Kathy Craig if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

- **News From the Choir:** Please consider joining us. Rehearsal is from 8:30 - 9:30 am and a brief time of fellowship with coffee and a snack is enjoyed by the choir before service begins at 10:00 am. We will be singing in the service three times a month unless otherwise noted.
- **Tithes, Offerings, and Donations may now be made online.** For those individuals that would like to give to the church online, simply go to the front page of our [church website](#) and click the link “Support Our Church and Ministries” or tap the tile shown to the left.



You may also download the Vanco mobile app on your smartphone. Be sure to select the app with the logo to the right. Search for churches in your area, and you will find “Second Congregational Church of Winsted.” For more information on Vanco, visit their website: vancopayments.com See Paul Okraska for more information.

- **Christian Education Updates:**

Sunday School: Classes will resume on January 12th.

Children’s Church: Will be available on 1/12 and 1/26.

Youth Group: The youth should plan to meet after worship service on 1/12. We look forward to kicking off the new year!

Other Announcements:

- **Food Bank** - We will be collecting non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of each month for the Interfaith Food Bank managed by the Salvation Army; however, you can always bring in your items and place them in the purple crates in Fellowship Hall at any time. The next collection date is today, **January 5th**.
- The **Fellowship Coffee Hour chart** is posted for 2025. Please feel free to volunteer for any openings listed. We invite any new members that have joined the church to speak to Kathy Craig if you would like to volunteer for an open slot in 2025. A great way to begin volunteering with your church family.

Weekly Events:

Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Class – (led by Pastor Dan, in the Parlor) Gospel of Matthew – all are welcome. Resume on Jan. 12 th .
Wednesday: 6:00-7:15	Weekly Bible Study – (led by Pastor Dan, in the Music Room) None this week. Resume on Jan.15 th .
Thursday:	NWCT Homeschool – on holiday break – none this week

SCC Online:

Church Email: info@sccwinsted.org

Church Webpage: <http://sccwinsted.org>

Church Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sccwinsted

Youtube Channel for Livestream Services: www.youtube.com/channel/UCCW4dPY3yqt-GsjPZG-cHuQ
(Search for: Second Congregational Church of Winsted, CT)

Church Library & Media Center: www.librarything.com/catalog/sccwlibrary

Pastor Dan's Apologetic Page: <http://multimediaapologetics.com>

Hours & Staff

Church Office Hours: Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM-Noon; 12:30 – 4:00 PM

Friday only 8:30 AM-Noon

Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

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(Other days as required)

Office Administrator: Kathy Craig

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Organist: Christopher King

Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

Statement of Faith

- 1. We believe there is only one living and true God, Creator of all things, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love, eternally existing in three persons, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.**
(Ex. 20:1-6; Deut. 6:4; Ps. 96:4-5; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1; 2 Cor. 13:14)
- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and that they are the supreme authority in faith and life and absolutely trustworthy.**
(Ps. 119; Mk. 13:31; Jn. 10:35, 17:17; 2 Pet. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1Thess. 2:13)
- 3. We believe that God, in His goodness, created only two distinct and complementary genders, male and female, which is defined by one's biological sex at birth. These two genders together reflect the image and nature of God, and rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's created order and the image of God within that person.**
(Gen. 1:26-28,31; 2:2-24; Lev 18:22-23; 20:10-21; Deut 22:5; Is3:12; Rom 1:24-27; 1Cor 6-9; 11:7; 1Tim 2:11-15)
- 4. We believe that man and woman sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God, and that we are all born with a sinful nature that mars God's image in us.**
(Gen 1:26-27; 2:7; 3:1-24; Ezek 13:23; Rom 5:12; Eph 2:1-3; James 3:9)
- 5. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is truly God and Man.**
(Is 7:14; Matt 1:18,23; Luke 1:30-35; 2:6-7,40; John 1:14; Phil 2:6-7; Heb 1:2-5; 2:14)
- 6. We believe that, out of love for us, the Lord Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins according to the Scriptures and that all who repent of sin and place their faith in Him alone are reconciled to God by His shed blood.**
(Is 53:4-6; Mark 1:14-15; John 14:6; Rom 5:8; 8:3; 1John 4:10; 1Pet 2:24-25)
- 7. We believe that Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father to reign over all things.**
(Luke 24:1-7; John 2:19-21; Acts 1:9; Heb 4:14,10:11-13; Rev 1:17-18)
- 8. We believe that all who repent of sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ, which is by grace alone through faith alone, are born of the Holy Spirit and thereby become the children of God and shall not come into condemnation and that the Lord Jesus Christ gives them everlasting life.**
(John 1:12-13; 3:16-18,36; 5:24-29; 10:27-29; Acts 4:12; Rom 8:1,9-12,15-17; 10:9-11; Gal 4:24-29; Eph 1:5; 1 John 5:12-13)
- 9. We believe that Christ has called all Christians into universal fellowship in His church. This church is made up of local congregations where members worship through Word and sacrament, are trained in discipleship and are called to evangelize the world in charity.**
(Matt 16:18-19; 18:17; John 17; Acts 2:42; 6:1-6; 20:28-32; 1Cor 10:1-14:40; Eph 5:21-32; 1Thes 5:12-13; 1Tim 3:1-16; 5:17-22; Heb 10:25; 1Pet 5:1-4)
- 10. We believe that God created marriage to be a holy and lifelong covenant union, which can only be between one man and one woman who are not closely related, and that the only lawful place for intimate relations is marriage.**
(Gen 2:22-24; Ex 22:16-17; Deut 22:14; Mal 2:16; Matt 19:4-6; Eph 5:5,21-6:4; Col 3:18-21; 1Tim 1:8-10; Heb 13:4)
- 11. We believe that at The Last Day, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return according to His promise and that He will judge the world, and the saved will receive the blessing of life in His eternal kingdom and that the lost will be eternally separated from God.**
(Matt 25:31-46; Rom 8:35-39; 1Thes 4:13-17; Rev 20:12-15, 21-27)

As with Gladness Men of Old

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And they sang praises with gladness and bowed their heads and worshipped.

— II Chronicles 29:30

William C. Dix

DIX
Conrad Koehler

1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the

1 star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
2 man - ger bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
3 rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy;
4 nar - row way; And when earth - ly things are past,

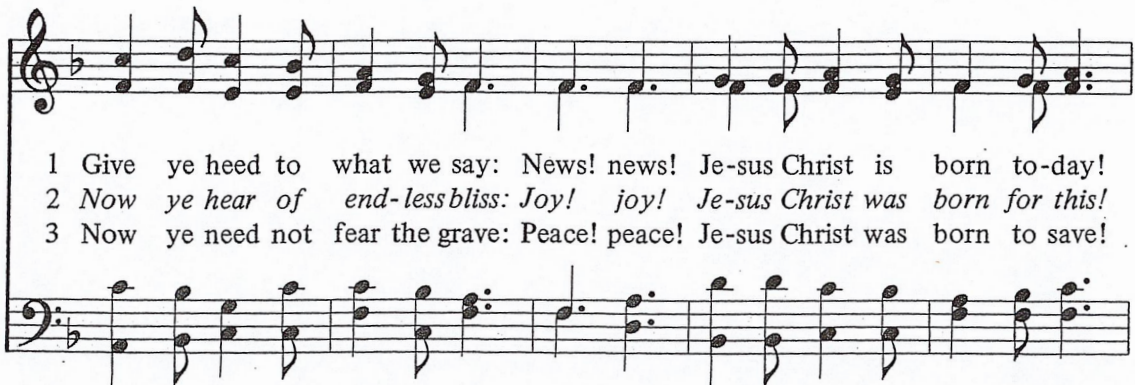
1 Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious
2 Him whom heaven and earth a - dore, So, may we with
3 Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
4 Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

1 Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
2 will - ing feet Ev - ér seek the mer - cy seat.
3 treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. A - men.

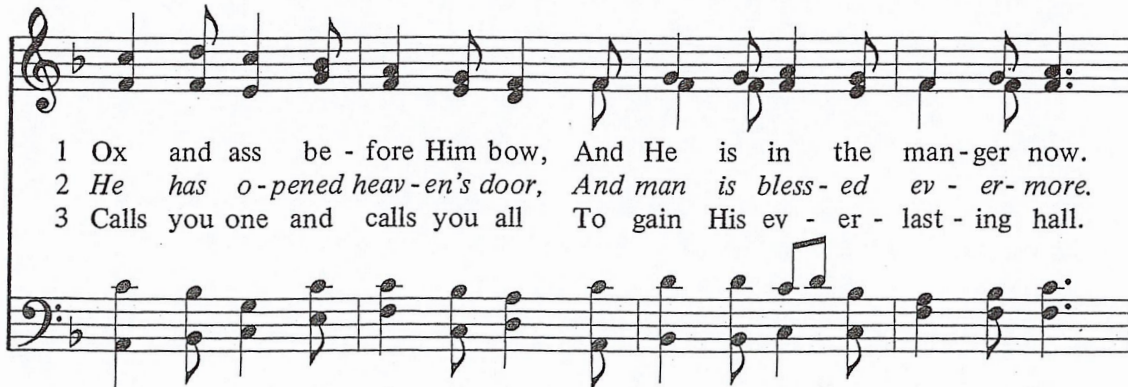
Good Christian Men, Rejoice

When they saw the star they rejoiced. — Matthew 2:10Latin Carol
Tr. by John M. NealeIN DULCI JUBILO
German Melody


1 Good Chris-tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
2 *Good Chris-tian men, re - joice* *With heart and soul and voice;*
3 Good Chris-tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;



1 Give ye heed to what we say: News! news! Je-sus Christ is born to-day!
2 *Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Joy! joy! Je-sus Christ was born for this!*
3 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! peace! Je-sus Christ was born to save!



1 Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man-ger now.
2 *He has o-pened heav-en's door, And man is bless-ed ev-er-more.*
3 Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



1 Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
2 *Christ was born for this!* *Christ was born for this!*
3 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Trust and Obey

To obey is better than sacrifice . . .

— I Samuel 15:22

James H. Sammis

TRUST AND OBEY
Daniel B. Towner

1 When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word,
2 *Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,*
3 Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share,
4 *Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet,*

1 What a glo-ry He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
2 *But His smile quick-ly drives it a-way; Not a doubt or a fear,*
3 But our toil He doth rich-ly re-pay; Not a grief or a loss,
4 *Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,*

1 He a-bides with us still, And with all who will trust and o-bey.
2 *Not a sigh or a tear, Can re-main when we trust and o-bey.*
3 Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and o-bey.
4 *Where He sends we will go, Nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.*

Trust and o-bey, for there's no oth-er way

To be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.